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Chapter 2. Environmental Policy

2.1.1 Purpose. To establish the overall environmental goals of the organization or facility (e.g. the Center) and the primary focus of the EMS.

2.1.2 NPD 8500.1, NASA Environmental Management, is NASA's internal environmental policy. NPD 8500.1 establishes that NASA shall maintain compliance with applicable environmental legislation and regulations and with other requirements to which NASA subscribes. NPD 8500.1 includes a commitment to prevention of pollution and continual improvement of its environmental program. NPD 8500.1 also commits to incorporate sustainable practices to the extent practicable throughout programs, projects, and activities. In addition,

NPD 8500.1 establishes more specific responsibilities for each NASA employee, each NASA organizational element, and appropriate HQ and Center organizations and managers.

2.1.3 NPD 8500.1 is available to both the public and the NASA community through NASA's Web pages and NODIS at <http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/> and is consistent with 14 CFR, subpart 1216.1.

2.1.4 The Center may develop an environmental policy as an element of its EMS. The Center Director shall ensure that this policy contains a commitment to continual improvement, prevention of pollution, and compliance with applicable legal and other requirements to which the Center subscribes, as related to its environmental aspects. The following requirements apply to the policy:

- a. The Center Director shall ensure that the policy is appropriate to the nature, scale,

and environmental impacts of the activities, products, and services of the Center.

b. The Center Director shall ensure that the policy provides a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.

c. Center Directors adopting this approach shall ensure that the Center's environmental policy is communicated to all persons working for or on behalf of the Center.

d. The Center Director shall ensure that the environmental policy is documented, maintained, and made available to the public.

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